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12 ft-wide stormwater drain is reduced to 3 ft as it squeezes through private property in Mahadevapura flooding Varthur Road

CRAZY DRAIN

23-yr-old died near Mayura Bakery, Varthur Road, on Monday



Half of the stormwater drain that is yet to be developed

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A definitive case in point of how the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has overlooked the importance of stormwater drains is on display at Meenakshi Layout near Tubarahalli in Mahadevapura assembly constituency.

The stormwater drain in question carries overflowing water from Siddapura Lake to Varthur Lake. At one section, it traverses the land owned by a wholesale hardware dealer. The BBMP has not taken measures to ensure the original width of the drain passing through the land between Varthur Main Road and the road that leads to Meenakshi Layout.

The result: waterlogging on Varthur Road near Mayura Bakery which allegedly led to the death of a 23-year-old scooter-borne woman on Monday.

The residents of Meenakshi Layout alleged the stormwater drain's width should be 10 to 12 feet but it is only three to five feet



Half of the stormwater drain that is widened and strengthened

wide resulting in waterlogging on Varthur Road during heavy downpours. They demanded the BBMP to restore the stormwater drain to its original width to ensure smooth flow of rainwater to avoid waterlogging on Varthur Road.

According to the residents, there was an attempt made to reroute the drain to better suit the landowner's plan. Bangalore Mirror published a story –

“It's a tough task for us to reach the main road during monsoon”

— Vishwanatha Reddy, resident

Property owner reroutes a drain to better suit his plan – on November 3, 2020, narrating how a private contractor claimed to have BBMP's permission to reroute the drain.

The residents of Meenakshi Layout have been running pillar to post expecting a solution to the stormwater drain conundrum. They said the BBMP stormwater drains department has already developed and strengthened the stormwater drain from the road (excluding the stretch of stormwater drain that passes through the land owned by the wholesale hardware dealer) that leads to Meenakshi Layout, but did nothing to widen the drain that passes through private land.

The other problem at Meenakshi Layout is the failure of BBMP to asphalt the entire stretch of the road that connects the

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Remembering KK

One of India's most beloved singers gone too soon, KK's melodies are timeless.

As a tribute to this evergreen musician, Alive India in Concert is presenting a special performance by some of the nation's best musicians: Kunal Ganjawala, Zubeen Garg, Nakul and Tamara Krishna, Lyricist Mehboob, Supratik Shyamal Ghosh

and others. Be there for an unforgettable night.

Where: Bhartiya Mall

When: Sep 10, gate opens 5 pm

Info: @AliveIndianConcert & Bhartiya Mall of Bengaluru Facebook/Instagram handles



02 Foxy Fridays

Foxtrot Marathahalli presents 'The Foxy Friday' with 'The Purpose'. The band started its journey in 2018. It is an acoustical fusion Bollywood, Sufi band based out of Bangalore, which performs their own rendition and mashups of the songs. Genres include Hindi Retro, Bollywood, Sufi Rock and Fusion. Line up consist Adityaveer Singh on guitars & vocals as a frontman, on drums & percussion: Girish Gowardhan, on keyboard: Sanjay RS & on bass guitar: Akash. They started their journey from the city, playing at corporate & private events. **Where:** Foxtrot, Marathahalli, Outer Ring Road; **When:** Sep 9, 8 pm onwards
Entry: Free, 9108136001/2

03 Evergreen tunes

Phoenix Marketcity Bengaluru is all set to host a spellbinding performance and musical night with exceptional artist Stebin Ben, an Indian playback singer and performer, who hails from Bhopal and currently resides in Mumbai.

His playback debut was in 2019 with the song "Humein Bharat kehte hain" in the film "Hotel Mumbai". He followed this up with "Ishq di feeling" in 2020 for the movie Shimla Mirchi and "O yaara dil lagana" in 2021 for the movie Sanak. He is also the voice behind some of the biggest hit songs like Baarish ban jana, Thoda thoda pyar, Baarish, and many more. **Where:** Courtyard, Phoenix Marketcity
When: Sep 10, 6.00 pm onwards
Tickets: Bookmyshow, Paytm Insider



KCET issue: More delays loom for AICTE colleges

State Government's move to challenge High Court order said to delay counselling process

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With the ongoing KCET repeaters issue, state engineering colleges seem unlikely to meet the deadline of starting the new academic year. According to the schedule by All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), all the AICTE-approved institutions were to start their academic year for first-year students on October 10.

Background

This year, 2,10,829 candidates appeared for the CET. However, close to 24,000 CET candidates from 2021 repeated the test. The issue started when the PUC scores for these candidates weren't included to calculate their ranking as per the 50:50 guidelines. The repeaters said that their ranks were affected drastically despite scoring well in the CET compared to the freshers. The Karnataka High Court then allowed the petitions filed by the repeaters and directed the Karnataka Examination Authority to consider 50 per cent of qualifying exam or the PUC



More than 2 lakh candidates appeared for CET this year and AICTE-affiliated colleges were supposed to start their academic year from October 10

scores for evaluating their CET rankings.

In the recent developments, the state government has decided to challenge the court's order.

'A pointless delay'

An expert says that the state government's decision to challenge the High Court's order on the KCET repeaters issue will not benefit anyone and will only cause unnecessary delay in the admission process. "If the government challenges the order now, it will take another two to three months for the double-judge bench to come to a decision," said Dr K Balaveera Reddy, former vice chancellor, Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU). Dr Reddy also added that

if the semesters are delayed for months, it will eventually affect the placements for the batch after four years.

"Moreover, there are so many institutions in the state with vacant seats every year. If these repeaters are able to fill these seats it will in turn benefit the institutions as well," he added.

Dr Reddy also added that the top rankings will not be affected so much if the rank list is updated according to the high court decision. However, the freshers are now worried that after the high court order, they will be at a disadvantage as their ranks will get affected.

Solutions

Dr Reddy suggested that the rank

list for KCET 2022 be updated such that the original rankings for the freshers are not affected so that both parties can have a middle ground.

"There are only 24,000 repeaters as compared to 1.5 lakh freshers. If the rank list is updated with the PUC scores for the repeaters, the authorities need not change any ranks for the freshers. For example, if a fresher holds a rank of 101 and after re-evaluation, a repeater is also getting the same rank, they can rank them with 101A and 101B," he said.

He added that if the rank list is updated as per the court order now, the counselling process for the admissions can begin in one or two weeks maximum.

After the flood, here come infections

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If you thought the worst may be over with the recent waterlogging, think again. The health professionals are warning of increase in viral infections and increase in water and vector-borne disease in the city.

Disease and outbreaks are set to be a major health concern at the event of flooding. It can come in various forms like typhoid, cholera, diarrhoea or even dengue, fever and malaria.

Dr Aravinda S N, Consultant - Internal Medicine, Aster RV Hospital said, "There is an increased risk of infection of water-borne diseases contracted through direct contact with polluted water, such as an upset stomach, vomiting and respiratory tract infection. Also, contamination of drinking-water causes water borne diseases such as typhoid fever, cholera, leptospirosis and hepatitis A."

With the damage caused to the sanitation



facilities, the flooding can lead to potential disease outbreaks. Some of the health professionals have started to see respiratory infections as well.

Dr Sunil Havannavar, Senior Consultant - Internal Medicine, Manipal Hospital, Sarjapur, said, "The recent floods has caused an increase in dengue and gastrointestinal issues. Along with that ILI cases have also increased, especially with the symptoms of cough and cold, though very few of them are covid-positive." While the infections are of no danger

Preventive measures

- Always wash your hands with soap and water.
- Wash fruits and vegetables thoroughly before cooking.
- Consume well-cooked food and only filtered water.
- Wash vessels well and keep it covered.
- Call civic body to carry out cleaning and sanitation.
- Put up nets on windows and doors.

and can subside within five days, it can force many to stay home.

Dr Aditya Chowti, Senior Consultant- Internal Medicine, Fortis Hospital, Cunningham Road, Bengaluru said, "We have been seeing rise in infections like dengue and malaria. The immuno compromised people, which involve the elderly are affected more. This apart, even children are being infected, they have been getting recurrent infections where they recover and are falling sick again after a few days."

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Longing for clear skies

Flood water was yet to recede completely from EcoSpace in Bellandur on Wednesday evening (left). People use umbrella on a skywalk as a drizzle begins. Weather forecast indicates rain is likely to stay on for a bit

Stray safe: Rescue en route

Trained teams swing into action to rescue animals stuck in flood-hit areas or clogged drains

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With the flood waters yet to recede from many parts of the city and rescue workers helping out those stuck in their houses and apartment complexes for days, some volunteers are also extending help to the voiceless and vulnerable -- our four-legged friends.

Animal rescuers have come forward to help and rescue groups have been circulating messages on social media to reach out to them if any dog, cats or newborn pups are stuck due to the floods.

The Charlie Animal Rescue Centre (CARE), an established animal shelter in the city, put out messages to reach out to the group that if one sees an animal caught in a precarious condition in the rains which require special rescue they can call the CARE team. The team members



Many pet parents managed to take their furry friends along in the tractors they were being rescued in, but some were left behind

who are trained in tactical rescue and have the equipment would be pressed into service.

Anil SM, Animal Welfare Officer, CARE, said, "We have been getting around 35 rescue calls from the time incessant rains have started in Bengaluru. It is just not in the flood affected regions but even other places where the dogs and puppies are stuck in the drains as the water flows into the drains, and the drains being blocked with debris and trash, so the dogs are unable

“In a locality a dog was stuck in the drains for more than two hours and could not come out

—Anil SM, CARE

to come out. During this time, the voiceless have nowhere to go. In search of shelter they run away to other places which could be danger-

ous to them.”

In Domlur, a cat was stuck in an apartment on the seventh floor and CARE team went for the rescue. "The cat was stuck on the seventh floor in one corner of the building. There was no way for it to come out and even the pet parents were nowhere to be found. The residents nearby informed us after which we went for the rescue. Using safety equipment like ladder, ropes and net, we could rescue the cat. Similarly, in another locality a dog was stuck in the drains for more than two hours and could not come out. We rescued it using a butterfly net. We are getting such rescue calls. The situation at the flood sites for animals has not been that bad yet as we have got only a few rescue calls," said Anil.

Other rescue calls reported are of injuries like accidents that leave the animal paralysed or with a fracture and needs immediate attention.

"As an initiative to provide relief to the animals, many of the people are giving dog food, and this could be given in shelters and even to the strays. The calls reported for rescues do not stand high as yet. However, when we get a call we assist immediately and are available 24/7," he said.

There is also a canine squad community in the city which is watchful for animals in need.

FLOOD GATES

More funds sought from Central team: CM

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has urged the Central team to take the floods in the State as a special case and release extra funds. Bommai said, "The Central team was apprised of the current situation in the wake of unprecedented rains in July, August and the first week of the current month. The Central team was visiting the flood affected areas of State as well as Bengaluru. The team was provided with information regarding the damages to crops, houses and infrastructure. The central team will divide into four teams and visit the different districts."

He said that last week, one memorandum was submitted and the same will be updated and a detailed memorandum would be submitted. "The problems faced by Bengaluru residing in low-lying areas due to filling up of tanks and preliminary damages are calculated. Since it was not possible to provide relief under NDRF rules, the team was requested to give special relief for damages to shops and houses. Besides, special relief must be given in the wake of filling up of all tanks."

IT captains urge infra boost

Tech captains met the IT Minister and other officials on Wednesday and urged the Government to fix the city's infrastructure on a priority basis. The State Government has announced it would have a discussion with the IT captains of Mahadevapura zone every month to discuss on infrastructure issues. Minister for Higher Education Ashwath Narayan who chaired the meeting said, "We will partner with the tech companies in improving infrastructure in Mahadevapura zone. We will use technology to ensure the projects see time bound completion. We are open to having a public-private initiative like ELCI-TA in Mahadevapura zone as well."

Hotel rooms in high demand; tariffs surge

The deluge in Bengaluru has led to a spike in demand for hotel rooms and a surge in room tariffs in some hotels as people escape waterlogged homes.

Most hotels already had a high occupancy before parts of Bengaluru got marooned and current high rates were not a direct consequence of the floods, said industry players.

When contacted, an OYO

spokesperson said: "The average tariff for OYOs in Bangalore currently stands a little over Rs 1,000, making OYO an affordable stay option for flood affected people in the city. Our 'Nearby stays' option and 'Pay at hotel' facility makes booking an OYO easy for the rain drenched Bangaloreans looking for hotels."

At Leela Palace Bengaluru, a staff said the pricing has always been

dynamic based on occupancy and demand. At present the existing rate for a standard double room for a night is Rs 15,750 plus taxes per night while for a single room it would be Rs 15,000 plus taxes a night. A staff at Ibis Bangalore City Centre said already occupancy was high at 98% even before the floods and the tariff was also high at Rs 6,800 plus taxes per night for single

room and Rs 7,100 plus taxes per night for double occupancy.

When called up to check availability, a front desk staff at Radisson Blu Atria said the hotel has sold out both single and double occupancy rooms for the next two days.

The current tariff is around Rs 11,100 plus taxes per night for a double occupancy room, up from Rs 8,000.

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Motorists oppose penalty for underpass parking

Police claim bikers waiting at underpasses in city recipe for accidents

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With city traffic police deciding to penalise motorists standing beneath underpasses during rainfall, a section of the latter have now decided to request them to withdraw the order.

Raghavendra HS, president of Karnataka State Motorist's Association, said, "Many of the motorists carry laptops or cameras with them on a daily basis. If not, most of them would definitely be carrying mobile phones. If it is raining heavily, they cannot risk getting their gadgets wet."

Another commuter said, "If you are comparing a biker and car user, the latter doesn't need to wait as the vehicle is sheltered. Motorists need shelter, which is why they need to wait."

In Bengaluru, we have been seeing heavy rainfall which continues for hours. The police should consider all these points before taking action."



BM's report on September 2 spoke about the police deciding to impose fines on motorists parking at underpasses



Bikers enter a flooded underpass in the city; underpasses are commonly used for shelter during rains

The association requested the police to take back a recent decision to penalise two-wheeler riders under IPC Section 283.

The police, on August 31, announced a fine for motorists who parked their vehicles and sought shelter under flyovers and underpasses during rains.

This was done with the intent to avoid obstruction to traffic flow and minimise accident-risk.

The police have failed to consider the plight of lakhs of motorists who rely on two-wheelers for their daily commute, Raghavendra said.

With unpredictable and incessant rains, two-wheeler riders are forced to take shelter wherever possible, he said, adding that they do not hold any intention to obstruct traffic flow or pose danger to other motorists.

"A lot of these commuters belong to lower middle class or middle class households, and with lack of commuting alternatives, brave the rains

Many of the motorists carry laptops or cameras with them. If it is raining, they can't risk getting their gadgets wet – Raghavendra HS, president, Karnataka State Motorist's Association

to reach their destination. Our association, on behalf of motorists of Bengaluru, opposes the fine imposition and creation of fear, rather than creating awareness," he told Bangalore Mirror.

However, the police are not ready to accept this argument.

A senior traffic official said that in the last few weeks, there have been four accidents at underpasses at High grounds, KS Layout, KR Puram, and Jeevanabheema Nagar police station limits.

In fact, standing at an underpass can pose a different challenge, ac-

cording to him.

"The underpasses may be prone to waterlogging and those who are standing can get struck," he said.

The traffic police department has been planning to deploy personnel to ensure that people don't stand at underpasses.

Earlier, Joint Commissioner of Police (Traffic) BR Ravikanth Gowda had said that the police had done a survey and identified 46 underpasses where motorists were found waiting.

According to him, the traffic jams near underpasses are due to bikers taking shelter from the rain.

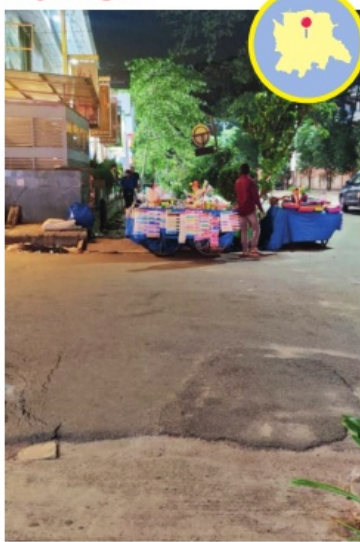
"These bikers don't realise that they are becoming accident victims and also reasons for accidents."

Vehicles coming from behind may hit the bikes or people standing. On the other hand, drivers entering the underpass may not be able to see the people standing there and it may result in accidents," he explained.

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Full-path
Jayanagar



This footpath on 11th Main, Jayanagar is occupied by vendors.

Pointless board
Residency Road



This sign board next to Cash Pharmacy on Residency Road has no meaning.

Flooded street
Murphy town



Commuters and school kids in Murphy Town are finding it tough to use this road after rains.

Too much water, but not a drop to drink

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Many residents suffering from flooding of their homes are now finding it difficult to access drinking water. They say that with frequent power cuts, they are unable to purify water.

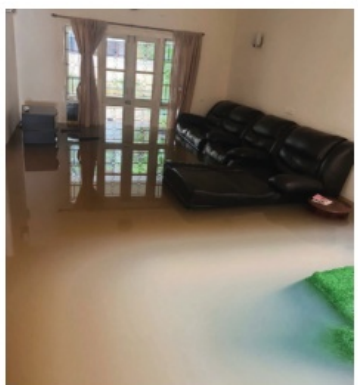
Speaking to Bangalore Mirror, Tyler R, a resident of Vaswani Whispering Palms, Marathahalli, said, "We are facing difficulty in accessing drinking water for the last four to five days. The underground sumps are flooded. As water is stagnant, we are scared to use it. We are facing a shortage of drinking water."

Anup Jose, a resident of Bellandur Main Road, said that many apartments are still under water.

"We are constantly pumping



A car lies submerged in a residential area in Marathahalli (left); a flooded living room in one of the buildings in the area



out water. As a result, the vehicles parked in the basement are getting damaged. Constant use of generators is resulting in them getting

damaged as well. The water sumps are mixed with muddy water and there is no drinking water for us," he said.

He added residents are being forced to depend on cans or bottled water. However, owing to the demand, the supply is also reportedly less.

Shortage of water pumps

Many people are facing a shortage of water pumps to flush out the water. Although water was receding in many neighbourhoods, many areas in East Bengaluru continue to have one to two feet of waterlogging.

"The situation is going from bad to worse. On Monday, we woke up at 5 am to see knee-deep water on our ground floor. By 11 am, it rose to the chest-level. Most of us had to be shifted to the first floor and are still staying here," said a resident of Vaswani Whispering Palms.

Welcome to our world: What the children saw

Namma Metro exhibits photos clicked by 10 kids from waste-picker community

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To give everyday commuters a glimpse into their world, Namma Metro is exhibiting the work of 10 child photographers from the waste-picker community. The photos captured by these children are being displayed at the Rangoli Metro Art Centre.

A week of 'Artivism' was inaugurated at the Rangasthala Auditorium at the centre on MG Road on September 3, in presence of Kalpana Kataria, Executive Director, BMRL.

The photos will be on display till September 13, and at MG Road Metro Station, Baiyappanahalli, Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Station, Majestic, Mysuru Road, and KR Market, posters have also been put up to spread awareness on children's rights such as stopping child marriage, child labour, right to education, and the power of partnership.

Through this week-long campaign, 'Making Child Rights Reach Every Child',



The pictures are being displayed at the Rangoli Metro Art Centre, MG Road



The photographs are a creative portrayal of their grim realities

— Rupali Goswami, Campaign & Communication Manager, Save the Children

Namma Metro is supporting NGO 'Save the Children'.

Rashmi Goswami, Communication Manager, Save the Children said that the main aim of the campaign was to ensure that over 9,300 children from around 32 slum areas of the waste-picker community get a better life and bring these children back to school.

The photo exhibition gives the audience a glimpse of their lives and hardships in the slum through their own lens. These child photographers

were picked from Bengaluru's waste-picker community and were trained in a two-day photojournalism workshop in December 2021 under the H&M Foundation-funded 'Saamuhika Shakti' project of Save the Children.

Rupali Goswami, Campaign & Communication Manager, Save the Children, told Bangalore Mirror that photography has given these children a sense of creative expression. "The photographs are nothing but the creative portrayal of the grim reality

that these children are living in. It is nothing out of the unusual, but things and places that we see every day."

Anjum Parwez, Managing Director of Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRL), said, "Namma Metro is there to support amplifying the voices of children on various child rights' issues."

BMRL Chief Public Relations Officer Yeshwant Chavan said, "The pictures by these children portray their lives and the world as they see it."

Rashmi added, "When we reached out to BMRL, the management was cooperative and that is another reason why we chose Namma Metro."

Bad news for BSY, family members

The Karnataka High Court on Wednesday restored a private complaint against former Chief Minister and senior BJP leader, BS Yediyurappa and his family members, accusing them of taking bribe for awarding government contracts.

TJ Abraham, a social activist, had lodged the complaint alleging that Yediyurappa and his family members had taken

bribes from Ramalingam Construction Company and other shell companies in return for awarding BDA contracts. After the Sessions Court dismissed the complaint, the complainant approached the High Court. Allowing the petition in part, the HC directed the LXXXI Additional City Civil and Sessions Judge court to hear afresh the complaint.

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Debit freeze on Congress leader's accounts

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The Karnataka High Court has ordered a debit freeze on bank accounts belonging to Congress leader Anil H Lad and six others for non-compliance of a court order in a 20-year-old property row related to Ballari-Sandur region of Karnataka.

The High Court ordered a debit freeze of bank accounts belonging to Sakkubai H Lad, Anil H Lad, Rajani A Lad, Akshay A Lad, Naveen A Lad, Hemalatha Morab, and Anitha Sindhe.

The High Court said that detailed orders passed on February 21, 2022 and June 3, 2022 are testimony to the repeated breach of undertakings made to the court even during the pendency of proceedings.

"It is clear that apart from the undertaking made during the compromise and affidavit filed, the subsequent undertaking made before this Court as recorded in the order dated 21.02.2022 remains to be complied," the High Court said.

The order is related to 20-yr-old property row between Lads of Ballari-Sandur area

Bangalore Mirror published a story on August 8, 2018 narrating how a 20-year-old property dispute involving the Lads of Ballari-Sandur region was finally coming to an end with the High Court accepting a final settlement petition filed by the family members.

The row was about the property share of one-eighth of the portion as demanded by Srinivas Lad, the son of the third wife of the senior most patriarch, late Vithal Rao Lad, which was challenged by the other family members, including brothers Santosh and Anil. It is said the case was between Srinivas and 31 respondents. After a long legal battle, the Lads arrived at an amicable settlement but it is stated that Anil H Lad and five others did not honour the compromise settlement.

Anil H Lad was not available for comment.

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Back to flex

Doddaballapur Road and Airport Road are once again seeing illegal flexes being put up by BJP workers ahead of Janotsava celebrations

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The Janotsava celebration is back, and with it are hundreds of flex banners that are being installed all over again on Doddaballapur Road and Airport Road near Devanahalli.

While posters, buntings, flex, and banners are illegal and have been banned by multiple circulars issued by various agencies at the central and state levels, there is no holding back BJP party workers who are busy installing these to celebrate the event scheduled for September 11.

Plastic flexes loaded on minivans were spotted all along the stretch starting Tuesday, and workers were seen joyously putting them up. Although flags around the circular flexes are made up of cloth, the central part of the banner is plastic.

While the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has been warning of strict action against those putting up these materials in the city, locals allege that the Palike looked the other way when it happened a month ago.

"Hundreds of these banners were put up a month ago between Yelahanka junction and Doddaballapur. They were installed over a period of four to five days, but no action was taken by BBMP. They were kept there till the event got cancelled," said Suparna Sharma, a resident of the area.

The event was to be celebrated in July,



3-day state mourning

A three-day statewide mourning will be observed following the demise of Forest and Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Minister Umesh Katti. Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said Janotsava which was rescheduled to be held on September 8 now be held on September 11.

but was cancelled after the murder of a BJP Yuva Morcha worker a day before the function. The party then decided to hold the celebration on Thursday (September 8). However, it has been postponed again to Sunday (September 11) following the death of Karnataka minister Umesh Katti on Tuesday night, which implies that illegal banners will adorn city roads for a few more days to come.

This time around as well, BJP national president JP Nadda and general secretary Karnataka in-charge Arun Singh are expected to attend the event.



City dwellers accuse BBMP of turning a blind eye to the illegal flexes being put up by BJP workers near Devanahalli

ed to attend the event.

A circular issued by the Government of Karnataka a couple of months back also imposed a ban on the use, manufacture, supply, storage, transport, sale, and distribution of plastic banners. The circular cites the recent amendment in the Plastic Waste Management Rule, 2016 brought about by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, which mandates a ban on single-use plastic items with effect from July 1, 2022. Banners made up of plastic of fewer than 100 microns are included under the rule.

"It is an insult to celebrate governance at this point when residents are under duress. Putting banners is like adding insult to injury when the BBMP banned them," said Srinivas Alavilli, head, civic participation, Janaagraha Centre for Citizenship and Democracy, Bengaluru.

Squeezed stormwater drain conundrum in city

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layout to Varthur Road. Residents said they are grateful to their MLA for asphaltting the road but they want him to take measures to asphalt the remaining stretch of the road.

"We have been suffering a lot due to lack of proper roads all these years. It has become a tough task for us to reach the

main road during monsoon. The BBMP did not asphalt a portion of the road due to a litigation by a private property owner. I also want the BBMP to widen the drain to avoid waterlogging on Varthur Road near Mayura Bakery," said Vishwanatha Reddy, a resident.

Harikrishna Reddy, another resident, wanted the BBMP to asphalt the remaining

portion of the road without delay. "We have been suffering for a long time due to the lack of a proper road. It will be useful and convenient for us if the BBMP takes measures to asphalt the remaining stretch of the road," he said.

BBMP assistant executive engineer Raghavendra BN was not available for comment.

What we need now: Local trains to decongest roads

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With increasing traffic congestion in the city and waterlogging that is a growing occurrence, the spotlight is now on local train services interconnecting primary locations and around Bengaluru. Citizens highlight that building a service network with existing infrastructure is a pragmatic choice but railways services need to become timelier and more reliable.

While the Metro might take a few years to link different parts of the city, commuters are placing their faith in railways now. By providing commuter train services within Bengaluru, it could vastly reduce the transport burden for many commuters.

"When the roads are bad, BMTC won't be able to service commuters easily. Namma Metro has its limitations and suburban railways are yet to kick off. We have realised that the best bet for commuters is to start local train services. All the major cities of India have local train services. Approximately, there are 500 km of railway tracks and 50 stations within a 50-km radius but it's largely used for goods transport. Utilising this rail network for transport could provide reliable and timely services," said Rajkumar Dugar of Citizens for Citizens (C4C).

Rail activists highlight that introducing such services could draw people off roads and into the usage of public transport. They also feel that the introduction of the services on a trial basis could attract ridership.

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Apart from pulling traffic off Bengaluru roads, reliable local train services could also facilitate commuting from areas around Bengaluru instead of people mushrooming near their place of work. A person could live in Tumakuru or Hosur and commute to work regularly as the commute time will be reduced considerably. Railway fares also tend to be more affordable than buses, said Krishna Prasad, a rail activist.

Prasad added that such a service will also help bring down living costs as the rents will be lesser in areas outside Bengaluru.

Students using rail services to commute to their schools and colleges also feel such train services could be beneficial. "I commute to Chikkaballapura for college daily. The airport train leaves Yelahanka at 7:45 am and reaches Devanahalli at 8 am. The line should be extended to Chikkaballapura to help students. Even if there is a single service connecting Chikkaballapura and Bengaluru, it would help students a lot," said Manju Nair, a college student and rail enthusiast.

C4C submitted an officials request to South Western Railways General Manager, Sanjeev Kishore to implement services of highest priority in the following areas: Ramanagara-KSR, Bluru City-Whitefield-Bangarpet/Marikuppam (approximately 130 kms to and fro), Hosur-Sir MV Terminal-Yeshvantpura-Tumakuru (approximately 127 kms to and fro), Cantonment-Sir MV Terminal-Yeshvantpura-KSR/Kengeri (approximately 33 kms to and fro), Cantonment-Channasandra-YNK-Devanahalli/Chikkaballapura (approximately 54kms to and fro), and Doddaballapura-Yelahanka-Yeshvantpura-Kunigal (approximately 100 kms to and fro).

Rail activists said in the first phase, these trains should be run at a frequency of one every 30 minutes on all above 5 routes in the morning 7.30am - 9.30am & evening 5.30pm - 7.30pm peak-hour time slots, both ways. They suggested that long-distance trains could utilise the new Sir MV Terminal.

SWR Chief PRO Aneesh Hegde said that based on demand and operational feasibility, a decision will be taken.

An eco-friendly twist to constructing homes

KSPCB will ask BIS for parameters for treated wastewater in construction industry

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The Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB), through a study done with the help of researchers at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), will reach out to the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) to lay down parameters for treated wastewater under IS 465:2000 rule to be used in the construction industry.

According to the construction industry, while the state government came up with the rule stating that groundwater cannot be used for construction purposes, treated wastewater is not readily available for the purpose.

"There is a demand that does not match the supply. While I have been using treated wastewater for my construction projects for the last five years, there is also hesitancy among construction companies when it comes to recycled water. But if there is treated wastewater available with a study by IISc backing it up, the industry will surely come forward," said a representative of the industry present at an event organised around the concept of reuse of wastewater in Bengaluru by the Centre for Social and Environmental Innovation at the Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE), and the Bangalore Apartments' Federation (BAF).

Experts stressed the importance of water management in an urban landscape especially when an affordable technology is available to recycle waste-



Bengaluru generates around 800 MLD of sewage on a daily basis

“Around 60 per cent of water consumption in the construction sector is for curing. Treated water can find its use here immediately

—Syed Khaja, senior environment officer, KSPCB

water for secondary usage. However, they said, the narrative around treated wastewater has to be rearticulated.

"The city generates around 800 MLD of sewage every day and roughly around 50 per cent of this sewage enters the city lakes, untreated. While there is enough sewage and affordable technology, the need of the hour is that the scientific community along with KSPCB builds up momentum in the public domain and lets it be seen as a measure to provide potable water for secondary purposes in the city and arid districts surrounding it," said KSPCB member-secretary Srinivasulu.

"The most difficult aspect

of the reuse of treated wastewater is its utilisation in the construction industry. While we have IS 456:2000 rule that talks about standards of regular water for construction purposes, no parameters have been drawn out for the usage of treated water. However, soon we will have BIS standards for treated sewage for construction purposes too. This will be the first-of-its-kind initiative across the world," said Syed Khaja, senior environment officer, KSPCB.

While the board is planning to approach BIS, experts from KSPCB said the initial results show that the recycled water is safe to be used for construction.

"One cause of concern has been its impact on the steel strength due to higher content of sulfur and sodium. We conducted tests and we found out that the concrete hardens within two days and the temperature inside reaches around 80 degrees Celsius. At this temperature, the availability of moisture is unlikely. Moreover, the corrosion process begins only after a minimum period of 14 days. Thus, the tensile strength will not be compromised," added Khaja.

While KSPCB will wait for BIS's nod before it starts to advocate using treated wastewater in the construction of buildings and for load-bearing structures, experts said that the recycled water can already be used for the curing process. "Around 60 per cent of water consumption in the construction sector is for curing. Treated water can find its use here immediately," informed Khaja.

HC orders BBMP to form panel to submit report on potholes

A division bench of the Karnataka High court has directed the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) to set up a committee that will look into the issue of potholes on city roads and file a report.

Hearing a Public Interest Litigation (PIL), the division bench also directed the BBMP to start ward-wise reporting centres in Bengaluru to address complaints. "City roads are full of potholes. People are suffering from the problem of standing water on the roads. Have you started a complaint resolution centre for this?" Justice Vishwajit Shetty questioned BBMP.

V Srinidhi, a lawyer for BBMP, replied



to the High Court that roads were flooded due to heavy rains and that the BBMP offi-

cials were busy. The court instructed the civic body to resolve the issues that were affecting citizens.

The court asked the BBMP to set up a committee and directed that engineers should be involved in the panel.

Grievance cell

The High Court also directed BBMP to set up a grievance cell in every ward against the backdrop of the flooding situation. The bench gave direction to immediately set up cells to look into the woes of the public in many regions of Bengaluru, and also appoint an engineer to each cell to address grievances. **ANI**

KK's tunes live on

Alive India in Concert Series that is currently recognised by Google as India's longest and largest live music concert series will be paying a tribute to music icon KK, an artist who left us way too soon.

The concert is being supported by playback singers Kunal Ganjawala, Zubeen Garg and lyricist Mehboob Ji. Senior music icons like Shaan, Shankar Mahadevan, Padmashree Hariharan Ji, Kailash Kher, Rekha Bharadwaj, Vishal Bhardwaj, Vishal Dadlani, Sunidhi Chauhan, Ranjeet Barot, Mohit Chauhan and Pankaj Udhass are supporting the event with video bytes asking people to come for Alive India's Sing For KK Concert at Bhartiya mall of Bengaluru.

The management of Bhartiya Mall is not only offering space but also putting together the infrastructural and production support, partnering with The Leela & RED FM 93.5. Housefull Entertainment from the UK also came forward and jointly a decision has been taken to make it a non-ticketed show. The event is driven by Bengaluru's very own lead singer/frontman of band Aurko & founder of Alive India - Supratiek Shyamal

Ghosh. The concert has got its support from the State Bank of India. For the first time, Aditya Birla Mutual Fund joined with existing partners of the last 10 years such as Indus Business Academy, Titan Encircle Loyalty Program, Iris Home Fragrances, Coca-Cola, Bangalore Mirror & Mr Ramani Iyer MD of Ingo E Bykes, Myniwa & Spykke Power Banks.

The causes

This concert is in aid of a noble cause - Each One Educate One of Sri Satya Sai Lok Seva group of Institutions who give education along with lodging & boarding from 6th grade to PHD all free of cost. The E1E1 initiative has supported the education of over 13,500 children in the last 8-9 years along with Annapoorna Breakfast Seva that serves breakfast to 7 lakh children in government schools. This is also in aid of Rotary South Parade's ongoing charity projects. Ghosh said, "It's not at all a commercial venture for us as KK was my close friend and so is Kunal Ganjawala, Zubeen. We are donating proceeds to KK's foundation, Each One Educate One Foundation & Rotary South Parade."

—Shreyashi Mukherjee



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Hijab plea: 'Question about restriction in schools'

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The Supreme Court Wednesday said that the question in the Karnataka Hijab ban matter is only about the restriction in schools as nobody is prohibited from wearing it anywhere else they want.

The apex court was hearing arguments on a batch of pleas challenging the Karnataka High Court verdict refusing to lift the ban on hijab in educational institutions of the state.

A bench of Justices Hemant Gupta and Sudhanshu Dhulia was told by senior advocate Devadatt Kamat, who appeared for one of the petitioners, that the matter be referred to a five-judge constitution bench.

He argued that if a girl, in the exercise of her rights under Articles 19, 21, or 25 of the Constitution, decides to wear a Hijab, then can the State put a prohibition that will violate her rights. The bench orally observed "The question is nobody is prohibiting you from wearing Hijab. You can



Students doing revision before the SSLC exams, in Bengaluru (file)

wear it wherever you want. The only restriction is in the school. We are only concerned with that question."

At the outset, Kamat said his endeavour is to persuade the bench

to consider reference of this matter under Article 145 (3) of the Constitution.

Article 145 (3) says the minimum number of judges, who are to sit for

the purpose of deciding any case involving a substantial question of law as to the interpretation of the Constitution or for the purpose of hearing any reference under Article 143, shall be five.

The senior advocate argued that the bench has to be satisfied that this is a case that requires a reference under Article 145 (3).

"I endeavour to persuade your lordships to take this course of action," he said, adding this is not a matter which is simply related to a violation of a statute, or a rule.

"This case involves primarily a basic question as to whether the State has failed in its obligation to provide for reasonable accommodation, which is a Constitutional principle adopted by your lordships, for the exercise of a citizens' rights under Articles 19, 21, and 25," Kamat said, adding that the petitioner is not challenging the prescription of uniform in the school.

While Article 19 deals with the protection of certain rights regarding freedom of speech etc, Article 21 pertains to the protection of life and personal liberty. Article 25 of the Constitution deals with freedom of conscience and free profession, practice, and propagation of religion.

During the arguments, Kamat referred to a circular of the Kendriya Vidyalaya and said it prescribes a uniform and makes a reasonable accommodation for Muslim girls to wear a headscarf.

He also referred to a judgement of the constitutional court of South Africa in the case of a girl who wanted to wear a nose ring in school.

"Whatever little I know, nose pin is not part of any religious practice," Justice Gupta said, adding, "Mangalsutra is, but not the nose ring".

The bench would continue hearing arguments in the matter on Thursday. -PTI

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Yoga for pregnancy

Did you know that yoga can be helpful during pregnancy? Here are some asanas to help you relax your body and mind



exercise and requires minimal effort. The practitioner enters the position on their palms and knees, and arching of the back takes place periodically to relieve tension from the neck, shoulders, back and chest while strengthening of the arms and thighs takes place. It is great for toning the core, relieving tension from the neck and shoulders, increasing spine mobility to help the back carry the additional weight, and improving blood circulation.

Standing Sideway Bends with One Arm (Konasana-I)

As the name suggests, the pose is performed by standing slightly beyond shoulder width and bending side to side with one arm. This pose is effective in keeping the spine flexible, making the muscles around the ribs and the obliques strong, and causing relief from a common symptom of pregnancy - constipation.

Bound Angle Pose (BaddhaKonasana)

This pose is performed by opening the legs wide and holding the sitting position, minus the chair. This pose is a strength-builder as it engages the entire body. The legs are primarily worked, targeting the whole lower body with its quadriceps, hamstrings, calves and all major joints.

Butterfly Pose (BadhaKonasana)

The butterfly pose is one of the most popular exercises in yoga which is performed by sitting down on the mat, folding and joining the legs at the feet while tucking them close into the groin. Flapping and stretching the legs help increase blood flow to the pelvic region and increase flexibility, strengthening the knees and relieving pain. It is also helpful in reducing fatigue and facilitating delivery.

Legs Up The Wall (Viparita Karani)

A simple but effective exercise, ViparitaKarani is performed by lying on one's back while keeping the full length of the legs against a wall. It helps relieve backache, and improves blood flow to the pelvic region and reproductive organs, while also easing swollen ankles and varicose veins, another common symptom of pregnancy.

Yogic Sleep (Yoga Nidra)

Essentially a meditative practice more than a physical exercise, Yoga Nidra is a method where a person lying still (in Shavasana or the Corpse Pose) simply guides their attention, without moving any muscles, gradually towards their toes, feet, and legs, over across the entire body. It calms the mind and reduces tension and anxiety, regulates

blood pressure and causes deep relaxation.

Bee Breath (Brahmari Pranayam)

A simple meditative technique that emulates the humming sound made by hovering bees, this method is a great way to relax the mind, become aware of the sensations in one's body, and even regulate blood pressure while causing relief from headaches.

Alternate Nostril Breathing (NadiShodhan Pranayam)

This easy breathing exercise is done by simply using alternating nostrils to inhale and exhale. It causes an immense feeling of calmness while regulating body temperature and improving blood oxygen levels to ensure healthy organ functioning. These exercises and breathing techniques can lend

a hand to pregnant women in a holistic manner, providing the right amount of physical activity while necessitating the appropriate conditions for a healthy and happy baby to be born. While yoga is a great practice to inculcate, there are a few things to be kept in mind. Pregnant women should avoid poses that exert pressure on the stomach during advanced stages of pregnancy, while also reducing the intensity and duration nearing the time of delivery. Inversion poses should also be avoided. In such times it is recommended that pregnant women practice yoga under the supervision of a trained professional. Consult the doctor before starting prenatal yoga, and start as early as possible, ideally during the first trimester itself, as it can get difficult further down the road.

— IANS, Meenakshi Mohanty, fitness expert

Consult the doctor before starting prenatal yoga, start during the first trimester to have the best results

Becoming a parent is one of the most beautiful and precious feelings in the world. As a new life comes into the world, people transform and take on a variety of roles that come with their specific duties and challenges. Childbirth can be overwhelming for many people, especially women, as it takes a toll on them physically and mentally. Another life growing inside the body causes drastic changes to physical appearance, internal hormonal functioning and emotions to the extent that it affects even the people who form a part of the person's life.

Amidst such impacting changes occurring in a person's life, it is easy to let important things take a back seat. But mental and physical well-being cannot be compromised ever, as they create the hospitable environment needed to go through a demanding period like pregnancy. The ancient practice of yoga can, in many ways, prove to be the appropriate supplement to the crucial pregnancy period. It is a philosophy that seeks to unite the mind, body and soul to live a fulfilled life. The poses or asanas along with meditation practised in yoga can

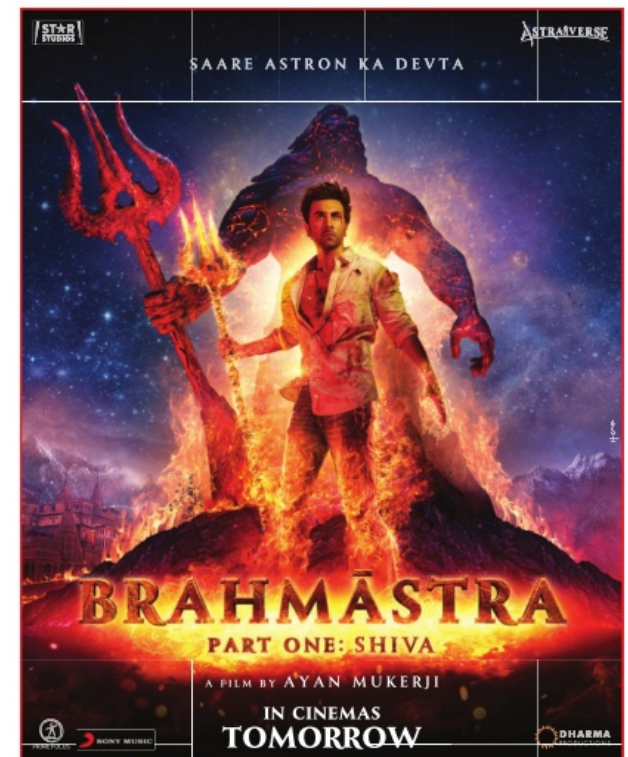
provide the necessary measures needed to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

Yoga can provide a system that focuses on crucial aspects of pregnancy, a period that can also bring difficulties, pain and stress to a person's life. The practice of asanas can help relieve tension from several parts of the body and meditation can help relax the mind, regulate emotions well and keep negativity at bay. Love and compassion are essential emotions of life that everyone deserves to be surrounded by, and it becomes even more important to practice these emotions as a woman and man embark on the journey to becoming parents.

Here are a few Yoga poses and breathing exercises that pregnant women can rely on to create and sustain a harmonious relationship between the mind, body and environment:

Cat Pose (Marjariasana)

The cat pose is a relatively easygoing



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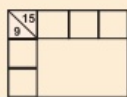
IN TAMIL AT: AMRUTH (Lingajipuram) | VINAYAKA (Mysore Road) | VAINIDHI (Singapur Lay Out) | LAXMI (KGF) & Other Cinemas.

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IN TELUGU AT: BHAVANI (Kolar) | NATARAJA (Mulbagilu) | ADARSHA (Chintamani) | KRISHNA (Chickaballapura) | ALANKAR (Pavagada) | PADMA (Challikere) | SRINIVASA (Kadugudi) | RAGHAVENDRA (Bellary) | KRISHNA (Hagari Bomanahalli) | BHARATH (Jagalur) | BALA PICTURE PALACE (Hospet) | BALAJI (Siriguppa) | VASAVI (Sandur) | BHARATHI (Kampli) | SHOBHA (Bapujinagar) | CHANDRODAYA (Vidhyapeet Circle) & Other Cinemas.

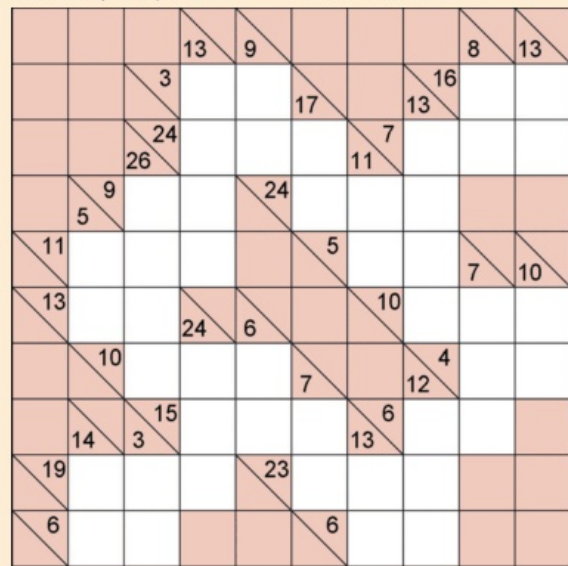
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas

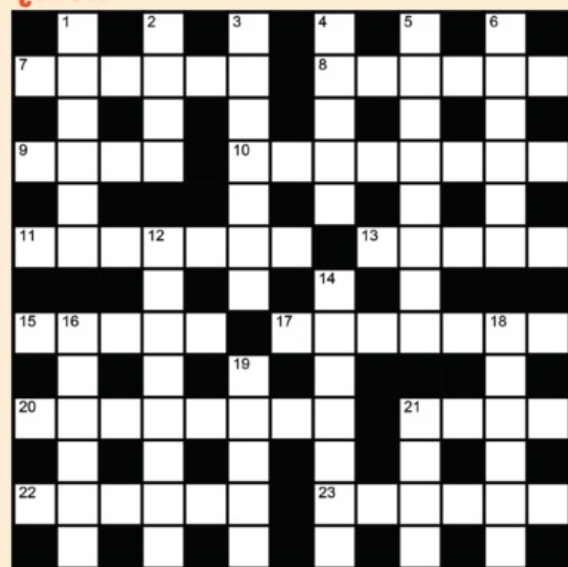


for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



Quick



ACROSS

- 7 Piece used in a game (6)
- 8 French Algerian cavalrymen (6)
- 9 Egyptian symbol of life (4)
- 10 Racing track (8)
- 11 Highly seasoned dried sausage (7)
- 13 Inversion (5)
- 15 Of the eye (5)
- 17 Monopolise one's thoughts (7)
- 20 Small window over door or other window (8)
- 21 Sustenance (4)
- 22 A large, Indian antelope (6)
- 23 ___ out : smoothed out? (6)

DOWN

- 1 Eye part (6)
- 2 Shallow vessel for holding or cooking food (4)
- 3 Continuous or ceaseless; perpetual (3-4)
- 4 Theatre attendant (5)
- 5 National park between Mysore and Ooty (8)
- 6 Type of herbal tea (6)
- 12 Cause or origin; the study of causes (8)
- 14 ___ hill : Summit in Auckland (3,4)
- 16 Tranquil (6)
- 18 Added fuel to (a fire) (6)
- 19 Once more (5)
- 21 Get cold ___ : become scared or fearful? (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: V EQUALS T
VRA RADS CAHAY YXMAP VRA
RADYV, EXV WXPV EAZBQAP
JVP UDYVGCY JC ZYJQA.



Linemaro

That shirt brings out your eyes



Mindchow

Better to be hurt by the truth than comforted with a lie



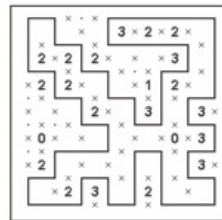
Joke of the day

An actuary is someone who brings a fake bomb on a plane because that decreases the chances that there will be another bomb on the plane

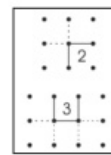
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

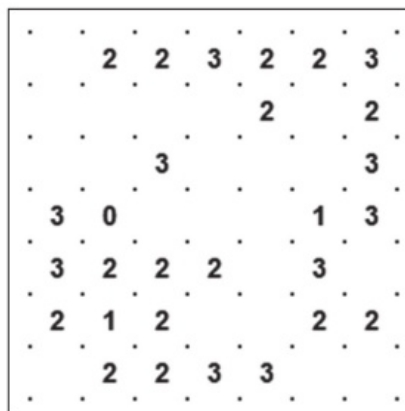


(Fig B) Not Allowed

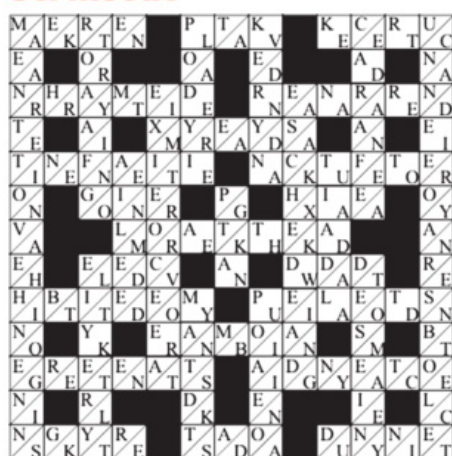
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) - Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



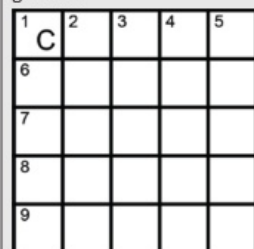
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

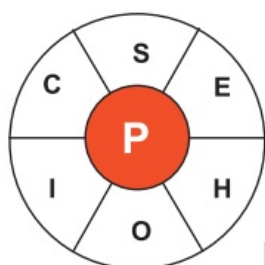
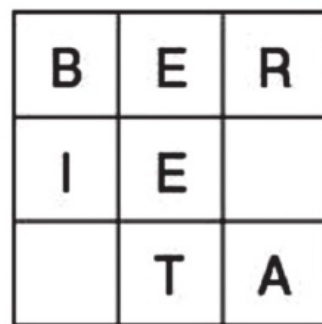
- 1 Certs; 6 Atria;
- 7 Sitar; 8 Hower;
- 9 Slink

DOWN

- 1 Raw LC; 2 Irish;
- 3 An tee; 4 Skirt;
- 5 Rates

Mensapuzzle

Spiral clockwise round the perimeter and finish at the centre square to spell out a nine letter word. You must find the starting point and provide the missing letters.



Bull's eye

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

12 Average; 14 Good; 16 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge



To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy

1 3 6 9 = 1

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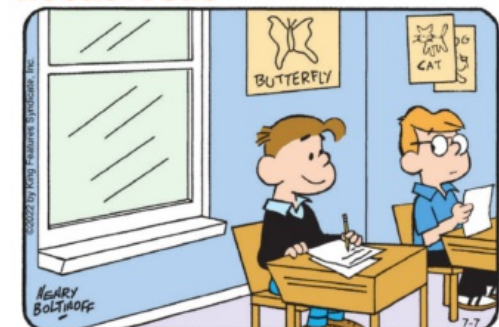
1 3 6 9 = 84

1 3 6 9 = 24

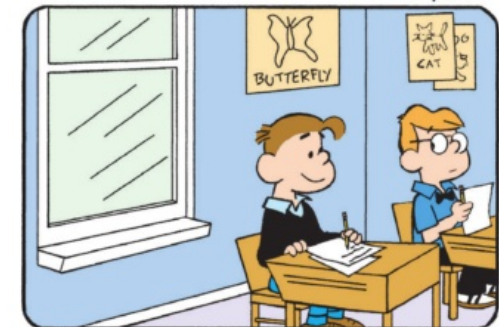
1 3 6 9 = 24

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Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Window is not as wide. 2. Back of chair is shorter. 3. Desk is larger. 4. Pencil is added. 5. Rung of chair is added. 6. Bow tie is added. 7. 7-7

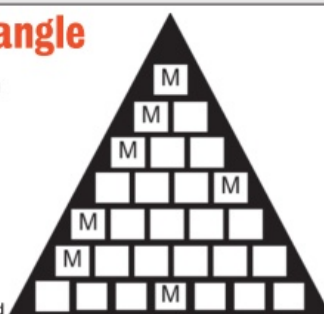
Riddler

What is the next number in the series: 105,555; 10,555; 1,055; 105?

Alpha triangle

- 1 One thousand
- 2 Personal pronoun
- 3 Bumped into
- 4 Swarm
- 5 Taxi's ticker
- 6 Wax worker?
- 7 Quiver

Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be



made at each step answering to the clue given.

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson



Bizarrotrip



Diamond Lil



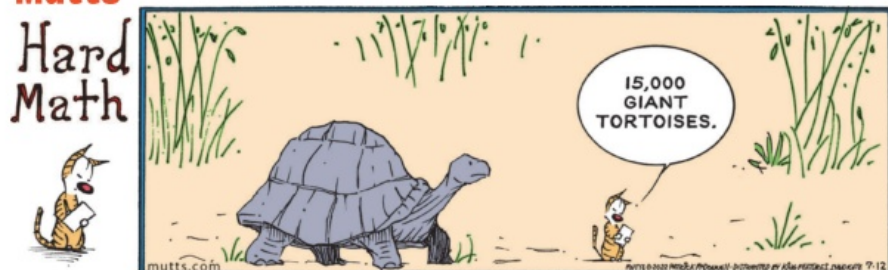
Hart of the city



Crankshaft



Mutts



WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 - Apr 20

Today you may be happy and patient, which may reflect in your way of working. You may complete your tasks in an efficient way. You may plan to visit some spiritual place. You can make some donation to charity. Lovebirds may develop trust in their relationship.



Leo Jul 24 - Aug 23

Today you may feel like your life is becoming challenging. You can take advice from your elders to sustain the given situation. You need to keep patience. Children's education may also make you upset. You may have to travel for their academics. Investors are advised to avoid speculation before making any investments.



Sagittarius Nov 23 - Dec 22

Today happiness may be around you. It can help you enjoy your day-to-day work. Your vital power may help you make difficult decisions, which will increase your profits in the near future. You may plan for a work-related short trip. Juniors and colleagues may support you to complete your work on time. You are advised to control your eating habits to avoid stomach issues.



Taurus Apr 21 - May 20

Today you may feel unhappy and dull. It can affect your way of working. There may be some delay in your projects that are to be completed. It may affect your prestige in your professional and domestic life. It is advised to avoid adventure tours or rash driving. Lovebirds may break up.



Virgo Aug 24 - Sep 23

Today you may be a victim of dissatisfaction. You may not get results for your hard work, which may bring disappointment. You are advised to read documents carefully before signing a new contract. Investments in assets may be possible. You are advised to follow your intuition before making investments in fixed assets.



Capricorn Dec 23 - Jan 20

Today you may feel dull. Sleeplessness may affect your mental and physical health. You may also be upset due to health issues of your family members. Your expenditure on worthless items may affect your savings. You may be a victim of conspiracy, so you are advised to keep an eye on your opponents.



Gemini May 21 - Jun 21

Today you may feel positive vibrations around you as things are under control. You may plan to start a new business in your partnership. You can expect some long-distance travel also. You will build faith with your spouse, which will bring harmony in your domestic life.



Libra Sep 24 - Oct 22

Today you may be busy with a social get-together or family occasion. It may increase your network. You may also plan for a work-related short trip. Disputes between siblings will be resolved now. Your juniors may cooperate with you to complete a difficult project. Your confidence may be high.



Aquarius Jan 21 - Feb 19

Today you may start your day with happiness. At work, you can make quick decisions, which may bring benefits in the near future. You may expect some new sources of income to open up, which may boost your savings. Your understanding with your spouse may be increased, which may result in harmony in your domestic life.



Cancer Jun 22 - July 23

Today you may perform your best in the office. You may create a good bond with your boss. You may also get some new responsibilities in terms of promotions. Chronic health issues may be cured now. You might get good incentives for your work. Disputes with siblings may be resolved now. Job seekers may find new work.



Scorpio Oct 23 - Nov 22

Today you may be busy with family get-togethers. You may become polite with the people around you, which may increase your image among relatives and friends. You will spend money on buying some artefacts and other items which will improve your social status. You may hear some good news from a close relative.



Pisces Feb 20 - Mar 20

Today you may be busy at your office. Due to mental tiredness, you may not be able to give time to your family. With the help of elders, job seekers may get some high position in a job. Managers may get promoted to top management. You may get rewards, which may increase your status. Professionally, you will do better.



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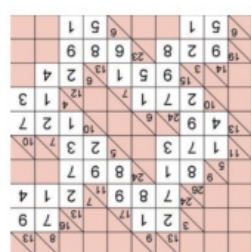
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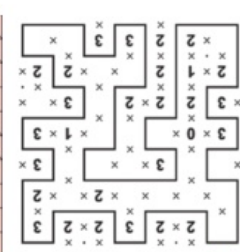
Tanush N, 9 Years, Mother Teresa Public School

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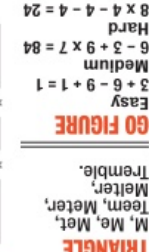
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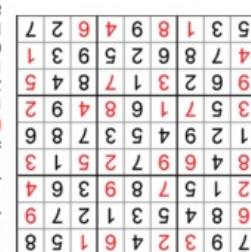
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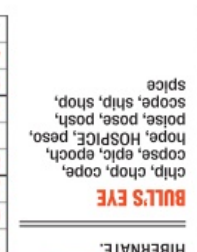
LOOP



ALPHA



SUDOKU



MENSA PUZZLE



QUICK



STRIKE OUT



RIDDLER 10 (-5, /10)
The head never rules the heart, but just becomes its partner in crime.
QUOTE UNQUOTE
FAST FIVE
SOLVE IN 1M
10-10=0
10-10=0
10-10=0
10-10=0
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Stars in her eyes

Rashmika speaks about her first interaction with Big B

Rashmika is gearing up for the release of her Bollywood debut 'Goodbye'. The film stars Amitabh Bachchan, Neena Gupta and others. During the trailer launch of the film on Tuesday, the actor revealed the experience of working with Big B and Allu Arjun and also spilled beans about her first interaction with the veteran actor.

The trailer of her most awaited film 'Goodbye' starring Amitabh Bachchan was released! While the trailer looks very promising and the bond between Rashmika and Amitabh was surreal, there is a clip of her talking about BIG B in a media interaction.

Rashmika said, "We started shooting on my birthday and I met him for the first time then. I remember this day very clearly as I was waiting for him since I wanted to say hey. While I was standing in the corner, he crossed me and he went away."

She added, "I wanted to introduce

myself but of course, sir was busy thinking about the scene and what to do and not to do. But finally, I introduced myself and took a breath."

The 'Sita Ramam' actor revealed that she later went in, quickly introduced herself saying, "Hey sir, I am Rashmika and I will be playing your daughter", then found her exit.

Rashmika shared her excitement and feelings when Amitabh tweeted about her. She found herself to be out of words when this happened. "One day I entered the sets and everybody was like 'Did you check your Twitter?' and when I did, I saw that Bachchan sir had posted a picture saying 'Pushpa'".

Rashmika also responded to the question when asked about working with two big A's- Amitabh in 'Goodbye' and Allu Arjun in 'Pushpa 2'. She said, "I am living my dream of working with two icons of Indian cinema."

Meanwhile, Rashmika will also be seen in 'Mission Majnu' alongside Sidharth Malhotra and in director Sandeep Reddy Vanga's next 'Animal' opposite Ranbir Kapoor.

—ANI



Name our movie

The director of an untitled movie has come up with a unique plan to promote his film. He is inviting audiences to suggest a title for his movie and win a cash prize of Rs 21,000. "I am making my debut as an independent director with this horror film. I have worked as an associate to Kishore Bhargav who directed the Kannada movie Stalker," said Hemanth, the director. He said he invited the audience to involve them and also to spread the word about his movie.

Hemanth said the movie is based on a real life incident. "It is about the murder of a young girl who falls in love with the protagonist. Ramesh Annavarapu, who played an important role in Stalker, is the hero. He is also the producer," the director said. He said the winners will get Rs 21,000 and also can join the movie crew during filming. See www.smlproductions.com for details.



'Trying hard to forgive family'

Actress Jennifer Lawrence shared that she suffered two miscarriages before giving birth to her son. The Oscar winner said she got pregnant in her early 20s and "had a miscarriage alone in Montreal" before she could get an intended abortion.



Lawrence got pregnant again during the filming of Adam McKay's Netflix comedy 'Don't Look Up' and suffered a second miscarriage. She then had to undergo a surgical procedure to remove tissue from her uterus.

Lawrence revealed to Vogue in a new cover story about the miscarriages while discussing her anger over the Supreme Court overturning Roe v. Wade, reports 'Variety'. "I remember a million times thinking about it while I was pregnant," Lawrence said.

According to Vogue, much of Lawrence's disappointment over Roe v. Wade being overturned is "directed at certain relatives back in Louisville, Ky., where she'd grown up, including her father." The actor had been trying to repair the family rift after giving birth, and then the Supreme Court ruling was made official and complicated matters.

"I just worked so hard in the last five years to forgive my dad and my family and try to understand: It's different. The information they are getting is different. Their life is different..., Lawrence said.

Vicky was never on my radar: Katrina

Actress Katrina Kaif says that her actor-husband Vicky Kaushal was never on her radar. She added that it was her destiny and it was really meant to be.

Katrina spoke about her husband on the tenth episode of 'Koffee With Karan' Season 7, which will also have Ishaan Khatter and Siddharth Chaturvedi.

Sharing the finer details of her relationship with Vicky, Katrina shockingly shares how the beloved star was never on her "radar".

"I didn't even know much about him. He was just a name I had heard but had never associated with. But then, when I met him, I was won over!" shared the star.

And the first person she confessed to being smitten by Vicky was director Zoya Akhtar, at whose party cupid struck the two lovers.

Calling her relationship "unexpected and out of the blue", Katrina further shared: "It was my destiny and it was really meant to be. There were so many coincidences that at one point all of it just felt so unreal."

—IANS



Message in a film

Actor-cum-politician Jaggesh, aka Navarasa Nayaka aka minimum guarantee actor, recently has said that the movie Thothapuri has a strong message for the society on how people from all castes, religions and regions can live peacefully as per the Constitution of India.

The actor who also got elected to Rajya Sabha recently said, "I want to assure producer Suresh that Thothapuri will become a memorable movie and it will be a huge hit. Director Vijaya Prasad has worked hard to make this memorable movie. I must thank him for writing such a wonderful script," said Jaggesh.

Jaggesh was his usual self as he talked to reporters. He advised actors of the Kannada film industry not to give importance to trolling on social media. "Why should we bother or give importance to such people who comment on social media by spending not more than Rs 50 to recharge their SIM cards? We need not waste our time by giving importance to such trolls who have no courage to speak with us directly," he said.

Thothapuri is scheduled for release on September 30.

